

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method for electronically registering assets, the

5 method comprising:

providing an electronic registration database;

providing an electronic data file comprising data specific  
to an entity that purchases or owns assets;

10 extracting the data specific to an entity from the  
electronic data file and entering it into the registration  
database;

entering data specific to an asset into the registration  
database; and

15 associating the data specific to the entity and the data  
specific to the asset, thereby registering the asset for the  
entity.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein registration is  
performed during the purchase of the asset.

20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the electric file is  
provided on a media that is loaded onto a purchasing entity's or

owner entity's computer.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data specific to an entity is extracted by an application on a second computer through a computer network, such as the Internet.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file is installed on a media accessible to a third party's computer.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the third party is a credit card company.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the data file is an electronic file installed on a smart credit card.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the data file includes data for insuring an asset.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein an insurer has access to the electronic registration database and automatically insures an asset when it is registered.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the registration database provides a composite record of assets registered by specific entities and allows for the reporting and manipulation of the same.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the entities maintain control over personal, and or entity registration data.

12. A machine-readable media having thereon a data file comprising data specific to an entity that owns or purchases assets; whereby data is extracted from the data file for use in automatic registration of assets.

13. The invention of claim 12, wherein the machine-readable media is loaded onto an asset purchasing or owner entity's computer.

14. The invention of claim 12, wherein the machine-readable media is loaded onto a third party's computer.

15. The invention of claim 14, wherein the third party is

a credit card company.

16. The invention of claim 12, wherein the machine-readable media is a smart credit card.

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17. The invention of claim 12, wherein the machine readable media has thereon a data file that further comprises insurance data specific to the entity that purchases or owns assets for the purpose of automatically insuring assets when they are registered.

18. A machine-readable media having thereon a data file comprising data specific to an entity that owns or purchases assets; whereby data is extracted from the data file for use in automatically insuring assets.